Fort Wayne Chapter Motherhood Support

Crib Club Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

Year long

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year: $50,000

Value of in-kind donations (estimated total): $25,355

**Partnerships**

Women’s Care Center of Fort Wayne and Northeast Indiana

What role does your partner(s) have in the program? Women’s Care Center provides free confidential counseling, support and education for women facing unplanned pregnancies. CCS is there as a support to the Women’s Care Center.

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 4,420

Age range of clients served: 0-5 years

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working) 96

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? Serving shoppers on shopping days, stocking, pricing clothing, laundering gently used clothing. Volunteers also have to purchase diapers, wipes, baby wash, bottles, etc., for the Crib Clubs.

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: To provide support for moms who participate in WCC programs

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? Infant necessities

The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne maintains a “store” The Crib Club, where clients of the Women’s Care Center, shop with coupons earned through participating in programs offered by the Women’s Care Centers, along with attending their physicians’ appointments, counseling visits and a variety of other activities that benefit themselves or their babies.

The Crib Club is stocked with new and gently used clothing, diapers, wipes, baby wash, lotions, bottles and many other basic baby and infant needs. CCS does not provide any food items.

The Crib Club purchases the essentials with a volunteer that keeps detailed records of items bought in the stores for guidance for future purchases, making sure that the Crib Clubs are well managed and well stocked. There are volunteer clerks that work the Crib Club shopping days, to help the clients and to record purchases and to restock the Crib Club. There are coordinators that process donations, make sure that the storage room and Crib Clubs are well stocked. The scheduler, schedules workers for the Crib Clubs. Many wonderful gently used clothing items are donated and there are volunteers that wash and prepare the clothing for the Crib Clubs. Workshops are scheduled on an as need basis, for bundling diapers and processing large donations.

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